Pocket and I didn’t break any laws, but I still wasn’t allowed to help him. Let me explain. This testimony unfolds across two thousand words to explore the contradictions of legality, morality, and systemic obstruction. It is both a narrative and an argument: the lived reality that innocence does not always guarantee freedom, and that the barriers to helping Pocket are themselves evidence of systemic distortion.

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